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THE MURDER OF ISADORE FUGROB, ON
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I. While it has been suggested that a John Doe or Grand Jury proceeding be instituted in connection with the Isidore Pogrob slaying, it seems best, for the present, to let our local police and Chief Mielke of the Mequon Police Department pursue their investigation unimpeded.

These agencies are competent and capable and the people of this metropolitan area can be assured that all that can be done in a case of this nature is being done by them and done well. They are now engaged in acquiring, sifting and analyzing evidentiary facts, a time consuming, often exasperating but vital phase of police investigation. Many of the facts uncovered cannot be revealed at this time for to do so might endanger the investigation, injure the public interest and be helpful only to the guilty parties.

For investigative purposes police techniques are much more flexible than either Grand Jury or John Doe proceedings. Furthermore, the latter should be resorted to when enforcement agencies are in a position to present thereto established facts which will ultimately satisfy the legal requirements essential to a successful prosecution.

We here in Milwaukee County are morally and legally interested, for while the murder appears to have been committed in Ozaukee County, it seems obvious that the motive is to be sought here. For this reason, no stone will be left unturned, and, if in the course of, or following, the police investigation a Grand Jury or John Doe is deemed necessary the public can rest assured that the proper steps will be taken to procure same.

POGROB, Isadore

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Says Izzy involved with nightclub
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WISCONSIN STATE CRIME LABORATORY
917 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
MADISON 5, WISCONSIN

May 25, 1960

[Redacted]
Department of Police
935 North Eighth Street
Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin

Re: Room 503 [Redacted]
Pogrob, Isadore - Death Investigation (Shooting)
Milwaukee County, Wisconsin
Laboratory Case No. 6615

Dear Sir:

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In accordance with your letter of April 7th, firearms exhibits recovered in connection with the above-captioned case were forwarded to the Chicago Police Crime Detection Laboratory for comparison with similar exhibits - Charles Vaughn Homicide Investigation, Chicago, Illinois and other open cases in their files.

A report received from the Chicago Police Crime Detection Laboratory indicated that there were no identifications made.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted]
Superintendent

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CC: District Attorney J. J. Koenen, Ozaukee County
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Hoodlum Linked to Stolen Whisky

DA Cites Data Found in Car of Vermiglio, Figure in the Pogrob Slaying Probe

After a conference with his top aides and police Monday morning, Dist. Atty. William J. McCauley said that entries in a notebook found in the car of a Detroit hoodlum were "obvious contacts" of various people involved in the wholesale distribution of stolen meat, whisky and cigarettes."

The notebook was found in the automobile of Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio, 48, under arrest at Detroit for illegal entry into the United States.

Vermiglio was deported in 1956 as an undesirable alien, and his illegal return to this country was uncovered in the investigation of the murder of Isadore (Izzy) Pogrob, 37, Milwaukee night club owner who was found shot to death in a Mequon ditch Jan. 7.

Other Nations Mentioned

The notebook, McCauley said, contained about 200 names and telephone numbers instead of the 150 previously reported. About 50 of the entries are believed to be connected with Milwaukee.

McCauley said that in addition to entries concerning persons in Wisconsin and other midwestern states, there also were entries mentioning con-

tacts in Mexico, South America, Italy and Canada.

One particularly interesting entry, McCauley disclosed, was a Fond du Lac number that may be connected with Joseph (Joe Bananas) Bonanno, Tucson, Ariz., one of the men charged with alleged conspiracy in connection with the Apalachin (N. Y.) underworld convention. McCauley said, Bonanno had business interests in Fond du Lac.

Granted Separate Trial

Bonanno was not tried with the other defendants in the Apalachin case. He was granted a separate trial, which is still pending, because of a heart condition.

The 63 Apalachin delegates came from many cities, and authorities have been struggling since the day the convention was held to try to peg its purpose. Some claimed that those in attendance were top echelon figures of the Mafia, the notorious world-wide underworld society.

McCauley said checking of all the entries would be "a monumental task", but that he had been promised full co-oper-

ation of the Wisconsin Telephone Co. and law enforcement agencies.

He said Vermiglio's possible connection with Pogrob's murder had not been ruled out and that questioning of persons who knew Vermiglio here and in other cities would continue.

Test Is OK'd²⁻⁶⁻⁶⁰ by Vermiglio State Will Give It

Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio agreed Saturday to submit to state conducted lie detector tests regarding three murders.

He had declined Friday to be tested by the Milwaukee police department on grounds that his attorney, Sydney M. Eisenberg, was not present.

Eisenberg charged Saturday that the police department had attempted to break an agreement that Vermiglio would not be subjected to polygraph tests unless Eisenberg were present to examine the questions.

After a conference with Hugh O'Connell, special assistant district attorney, Eisenberg said Vermiglio would be tested next week by the state crime laboratory in Madison.

Vermiglio also appeared briefly before District Judge Robert W. Hansen Saturday on a charge of using a fraudulent name in applying for an automobile title. The case was adjourned to Feb. 15. He is being held in \$10,000 bail.

Vermiglio is to be examined about the Jan. 6 slaying of Isadore Pogrob, and the slayings of John Di Trapani in 1954 and Jack Enea in 1955.

Vermiglio also is wanted by the federal immigration service on a charge of re-entering the United States illegally after being deported to his native Sicily.

SENTINEL 2-1-60

Vermiglio Will Take His Lie Test Today

Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio, 48, facing trial here on a charge of fraudulently signing an automobile title certificate, will take a lie detector test at the Safety Building Monday afternoon, presumably in connection with the unsolved slaying of Isadore Pogrob.

Detective Inspector Rudolph Glaser said Sunday that the lie test had been arranged with Vermiglio's consent, but would not reveal other details.

Vermiglio, facing redeportation to Italy on a charge of re-entering the United States illegally, had been wanted by Milwaukee police for questioning about the murder of Pogrob, nightclub owner, whose body, shot nine times, was found Jan. 6 in a Mequon drainage ditch.

His attorney, Sydney M. Elsenberg, said Saturday his client would take the test, but not about other unsolved underworld murders here. The auto title case was continued to Saturday by District Judge Robert W. Hansen with bail set at \$10,000. Vermiglio also is out on \$25,000 bond set by a Detroit federal court in the immigration case.

Murder Clues Seen in Vermiglio's Story

'Valuable' Statement Is Given in Pogrob Case, and Others, McCauley Says

Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio "has provided the district attorney with certain information which should prove very valuable in the solution of the murders of Isadore Pogrob, Jack Enea and John Di Trapani," Dist. Atty. William J. McCauley and Hugh O'Connell, his special assistant, said Monday.

McCauley and O'Connell refused to disclose the nature of the information.

As a result, O'Connell said, he will ask the district court Monday afternoon to dismiss a warrant against Vermiglio charging him with using another man's name to obtain an automobile certificate of title.

Return to Italy Favored

"Vermiglio is very anxious to return to Italy," the statement said. "Out of deference to the request of federal immigration authorities, we believe the best interests of justice will be served and taxpayers' money saved if he is returned to Italy."

O'Connell said that if the court dismissed the automobile registration charge, Vermiglio was expected to be in Italy by Wednesday night.

The "valuable" information was given by Vermiglio in conferences with O'Connell, Detective Sgt. John Lavin and Joseph Wilimovsky, polygraph expert at the state crime laboratory at Madison, after Vermiglio had taken a lie detector test at the crime laboratory Friday.

Pogrob Slain Jan. 6

Pogrob, downtown night club owner, was killed in gang style Jan. 6. Di Trapani, a Milwaukee tavern operator, was slain in 1954, and Enea in 1955.

O'Connell said that Vermiglio's answers in the lie test to three questions in each of the three murders showed "a definite pattern of deception." O'Connell said that the questions were:

Did he (Vermiglio) have advance information about the slayings?

Was he ordered in advance to prepare alibis for himself?

Did he have knowledge of the planning or contracting of anyone to do the killings?

"After the lie detector test, Vermiglio was confronted by Wilimovsky with his reactions which showed deception," O'Connell said. "He declined to submit to further polygraph questioning, but in informal conversations later he gave us information."

Vermiglio, 48, was deported to Italy as an undesirable alien in January, 1956. He was arrested at Detroit, Mich., Jan. 13 by immigration authorities after he had been sought by Milwaukee police for questioning in the Pogrob murder.

The Pogrob investigation turned up the fact that he had re-entered the United States illegally, O'Connell said Monday.

that the date of re-entry probably was in 1957 or early 1959. Vermiglio had been living in Milwaukee for a number of months before his arrest at Detroit.

US Asked for Speed

Since turning Vermiglio over to Milwaukee police, federal immigration authorities have several times requested that the case here be disposed of promptly so Vermiglio could be deported.

Two special agents of the federal internal revenue department also conferred with O'Connell Monday and consented to deportation. They said, however, that they wanted to examine copies of entries in a notebook found in Vermiglio's car when he was arrested.

The notebook contained about 300 addresses and telephone numbers in many parts of the United States and in some foreign countries. The agents said they hoped the notebook entries would give them leads to some of Vermiglio's associates, whose tax returns they wanted to study.

Information Is Compiled

McCauley and O'Connell also said that, on instructions by McCauley, detailed information on the backgrounds of the owners, licensees and employees of 10 Milwaukee downtown taverns had been compiled by investigators.

"We got this information to see if there is any relationship with the three killings," O'Connell said. But, he added, he was

not in a position to say at this time what relationship was suspected.

O'Connell said that he had received no further word from Francis C. Stelloh, 47, a paroled convict who had been asked to take a lie test in connection with the Pogrob slaying.

Stelloh, held in the county jail on a fornication charge, twice has refused to take a test. His parole officer said last week that he would recommend revocation of Stelloh's parole. Stelloh was released from the state prison at Waupun in January, 1959, after serving 16 years on an armed robbery charge. He faces possibly another nine years in prison.

Give Lie Test to Vermiglio

Quizzed in Slaying

While one ex-convict was in Madison Friday taking a lie detector test at the state crime laboratory in connection with the murder of night club owner Isadore Pogrob, another was threatened with revocation of his parole after he refused to take a test. Being questioned at Madison was Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio, 48, who was deported to Italy as an undesirable alien in 1956 but who re-entered the United States illegally.



F. C. Stelloh

Vermiglio was arrested at Detroit, Mich., Jan. 13 after Milwaukee police sought to question him in the Pogrob killing. He has denied any knowledge of the murder.

Accompanying Vermiglio to Madison were deputy sheriffs, two Milwaukee detective sergeants and Hugh O'Connell, special assistant district attorney who is heading the murder investigation.

Served 16 Years

The parolee who twice has refused to take a test is Francis C. Stelloh, 47, of 7705 W. Lincoln av., West Allis, who was released from the state prison at Waupun, Jan. 5, 1959, after serving 16 years for armed assault and robbery.

Stelloh was arrested last Friday on a fornication charge and is being held in the county jail here.

John Oehmcke, liaison parole officer between state and Milwaukee authorities, said Thursday that Parole Officer Ralph Jefferson had recommended revocation of Stelloh's parole on charges of fornication and "deception." Oehmcke said that under parole board rules he could not elaborate.

Hasn't Received Papers

At Madison Friday, Sanger Powers, director of the state's division of corrections, said that a recommendation for revocation of Stelloh's parole had not been received there, and probably would not be acted on until next week.

Powers said that if Stelloh were returned to prison he probably would have to serve at least two years more and possibly another nine years.

In cases like this, where a

man has served many years, we don't revoke hastily," Powers said.

Stelloh's attorney, John R. Craite, said he planned to talk to his client Friday and that he might advise him to co-operate with authorities by agreeing to a lie test.

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Pogrob Case Test Refused

Convict on Parole Won't Submit to Lie Examination

A paroled convict has refused, after conferring with his employer, Frank Balistreri, to take a lie detector test in the murder of night club owner, Isadore Pogrob, Hugh O'Connell, special assistant district attorney, said Tuesday.

O'Connell identified the man as Francis C. Stelloh, 47, of 7705 W. Lincoln av., West Allis, who was paroled from the state prison at Waupun Jan. 5, 1959, after serving 16 years on a charge of armed assault and robbery.

Records of the state division of corrections at Madison show that on Jan. 15, when Stelloh last reported to a parole officer he listed his occupation as general manager of Gallagher's Steak house, 829 N. 3rd st.

Balistreri Head of Firms

Before that, according to parole records, Stelloh worked for Gallagher's Wholesale Meats, Inc., which, he told parole officers, went out of business in December, 1959.

Both Gallagher firms are headed by Balistreri.

Stelloh was arrested Friday on a morals charge involving a

woman, 24. He was arraigned in the district court Monday, and the case was continued to Feb. 23 under \$500 bail.

O'Connell said that Stelloh had been questioned previously and released in connection with the Pogrob slaying.

He Held Conference

O'Connell said that Stelloh refused to take a lie detector test until after he had conferred with Balistreri, and that after talking to Balistreri, Stelloh said he would not consider taking a test.

Stelloh was one of two prisoners who in recent times successfully escaped from the main state prison at Waupun. In 1945 he and another convict scaled the prison walls but were arrested within 24 hours in a Milwaukee apartment.

Notebook of Hoodlum May Be a Crime Key

Pogrob Probers Seek Clues to Syndicate; Dealings in Cigaretts Hinted in Entries

By J. PAUL O'BRIEN
Of The Journal Staff

A notebook found in the car of a Detroit hoodlum, Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio, may be an important key in the eventual uncovering of illegal activities of organized criminals throughout the midwest.

Vermiglio was deported as an undesirable alien in January, 1936, after a long series of arrests and convictions dating from 1929. His illegal re-entry into this country came to light in the investigation of the murder of Milwaukee night club owner Isadore (Izzy) Pogrob.

He was arrested at Detroit Wednesday by federal immigration authorities. A hearing on the government's petition to deport him again to his native Sicily is scheduled for Monday at Detroit.

150 Entries in Notebook

There were perhaps 150 entries in the notebook. Some were simply telephone numbers or addresses. Others were nicknames and telephone numbers, or initials and numbers. Some also were street numbers or names of companies, or only single names.

And finally, there were what appeared to be notations on dealings in cigarettes and other merchandise, and financial computations in connection with them.

About 50 of the entries in the notebook apparently were related to the Milwaukee area. They included telephone numbers for Milwaukee exchanges, ranging from the far south side to northern Milwaukee county suburbs and also Thiensville and Waukesha.

Entries to Be Checked

There also were names and nicknames that might be those of Milwaukeeans.

Francis Croak, an assistant district attorney, and Detective Sgt. John Lavin came back to Milwaukee from Detroit Saturday with a copy of all of the notebook entries. Croak said that all of the possible Milwaukee entries would be checked out through the Wisconsin Telephone Co. and other sources, and that persons referred to in Vermiglio's address record would be called in for questioning.

"They'll have some explaining to do," Croak said.

Under questioning Saturday by Croak and Lavin, Vermiglio denied that he had lived here most of the time for the last year and a half. He admitted that he visited Milwaukee fre-

quently, but said his home was in Detroit where his wife and two children lived.

But, according to Croak, police have information that Vermiglio had been living on Milwaukee's northwest side, using the name and full identification of a Milwaukee man who is being sought for questioning.

Pogrob, 37, owner of the Brass Rail, 744 N. 3rd st., and of Jack's liquor store, 608 N. 3rd st., disappeared early Jan. 6 after a breakfast at the Belmont hotel coffee shop, N. 4th and W. Wells sts. Shot nine times, his body was found the next day in a Mequon ditch.

Croak said that witnesses had told police that Vermiglio was in Milwaukee for several days before and possibly after Pogrob's slaying. But Vermiglio Saturday smiled and refused to answer where he was on or about that time.

But whether Vermiglio does or does not know anything

about Pogrob's killing eventually may not be as important as the finding of the notebook, Croak said Saturday.

Besides the entries concerning Wisconsin, there were other notations of names, addresses and telephone numbers in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, New York and even Mexico.

The entries, Croak said, could concern interstate and even international activities.

Because of this, the FBI may enter the investigation, not of Pogrob's death but of the activities of a crime syndicate dealing in stolen whisky, cigars, meat and other merchandise. Authorities here have said that they have information that not only Pogrob but John Di Trapani, Milwaukee tavern owner, shot to death in 1954, and possibly Jack Enea, murdered in 1955, were killed because of a possible connection with the operations of such a syndicate.

Cheese Deal Mentioned

Vermiglio said Saturday that he spent a great deal of time in Milwaukee recently because he planned to take an active part in the operation of a cheese firm in a Fox river valley city.

A spokesman for one of the state's largest cheese companies said Saturday night that the firm mentioned by Vermiglio "is rumored in the industry to be controlled by the syndicate."

"Our salesmen in New York have told of this outfit trying to force all competition out of the New York market," the spokesman said. "There is just no competition at all possible in the Philadelphia market. There have been threats and the FBI is investigating."

Italian-Type Cheese

The companies in question manufacture Italian type cheeses, a market that has boomed with the growing popularity of pizza.

Croak said Saturday it generally was accepted that, in addition to racketeering and other illegal activities, underworld characters were constantly trying to get into legitimate businesses. He suggested that cheese manufacture might be one of these.

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Suspect Balks at Slay Query

Vermiglio Quizzed

By J. PAUL O'BRIEN
Of The Journal Staff

Detroit, Mich.—An ex-convict refused Saturday to tell Milwaukee officers investigating the gangland type slaying of Isadore Pogrob where he was when Pogrob was shot to death.

Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio, 46, was questioned by Francis Croak, a Milwaukee county assistant district attorney, and Detective Sgt. John Lavin of the Milwaukee police department.

Vermiglio admitted, they said, that he had been spending most of his time in Milwaukee, although he considered Detroit his home and his wife and family live in Detroit.

Held for Deportation

Vermiglio, who was arrested as a result of the murder investigation, was being held by federal immigration authorities for deportation to Italy. He was deported in January, 1956, as an unwanted alien, but since re-entered the country illegally, federal officers said.

Under Croak's questioning, Vermiglio said that he had heard of the Brass Rail, the tavern Pogrob operated at 744 N. 3rd st., but could not remember whether he was ever in it.

Officers began seeking Vermiglio when he was identified from a picture as a man who had been in the Brass Rail at some time before Pogrob's body

was found in a drainage ditch in southwest part of Mequon on Jan. 7.

Where was Vermiglio Jan. 5 and Jan. 6? At this question, according to the Milwaukee probes, Vermiglio smiled and refused to answer.

Vermiglio was indicted in 1945 with two Milwaukeeans and two others on money counterfeiting charges. The Milwaukeeans were Dominic Jack Rizzo and August Jack Sorcey, who were convicted and served federal prison sentences.

Knew Di Trapani, Enea

Vermiglio was a fugitive until 1947, when he was arrested operating a black market sugar ring in Detroit.

Vermiglio admitted knowing John Di Trapani and Jack Enea, victims of earlier Milwaukee gangland murders in 1954 and 1955. What about their murders?

"That was too bad," said Vermiglio. "They were nice guys."

Vermiglio was questioned about a ring hijacking liquor, cigarets and meat and selling them in St. Louis, Mo., Detroit, Chicago and Milwaukee.

He said he knew that there was such a ring and that it was lucrative. He denied that he was involved in it.

Quiz Dancer on Murder

Knows Nothing About Pogrob Slaying, Mc- Cauley Aide Says

A 24 year old exotic dancer who left Milwaukee the day after the murder of Isadore (Izzy) Pogrob was questioned at Gary, Ind., Wednesday by Francis Croak, an assistant district attorney, and Detective Sgt. John Lavin.

Upon his return to Milwaukee late Wednesday, Croak said he was convinced that the dancer knew nothing of the slaying of Pogrob, 37, who was the owner of the Brass Rail night club, 744 N. 3rd st., where the dancer formerly worked. However, she has agreed to return to Milwaukee for further questioning, Croak said.

Suspect Is Cleared

Croak said that the woman told him she went to Gary to take care of a girl friend who had become ill suddenly.

Police had received a report that the woman had been heard to remark to Pogrob: "You ought to be killed for that." She told Croak Wednesday that she had made the remark jokingly in a discussion of her salary.

When she left here, the dancer left her white Cadillac car, similar to Pogrob's automobile, with a 26 year old ex-convict with whom she was friendly, Croak said. The ex-convict was questioned and was cleared of any connection with the slaying after taking a lie detector test, Croak said.

Bogrob Is Arraigned

Police said that Isadore Bogrob, a cousin of Pogrob, was another friend of the dancer.

Bogrob's last name formerly was Pogrob, police said.

Bogrob, 31, of 2978 N. 56th st., was arraigned in the district court Thursday on a charge of concealing mortgaged property. The case was continued to Feb. 4 under \$250 bail.

According to police, Bogrob and the dancer co-signed for the purchase of a refrigerator, a range and other items with a total value of about \$1,200. The items were delivered to the dancer's former home here and have disappeared. Only \$100 has been paid on them, police said.

Police said that Bogrob also had borrowed money from his slain cousin. He was questioned by police and cleared of any connection with Pogrob's killing.

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DA Plans No Grand Jury Call at This Time in Pogrob Slaying

The district attorney's office has no immediate intention of calling a grand jury or holding a John Doe inquiry into the gunshot slaying of tavern operator Isadore (Izzy) Pogrob, it was announced Wednesday.

Dist. Atty. William J. McCauley made the announcement after talking with Hugh O'Connell, a special assistant district attorney who is in charge of the Pogrob investigation for the district attorney's office.

McCauley said he might change his mind if circumstances changed. Investigators have not yet finished talking to possible sources of information, McCauley said. Some of the sources are in Indiana and Illinois, and a Wisconsin grand jury or John Doe proceeding could not reach them.

Will Question Dancer

Pogrob, 37, was last seen alive after midnight a week ago. His 320 pound body was found the next day in a drainage ditch in southwestern Mequon. Nine bullets from two different caliber guns had struck him in the head. Pogrob operated the Brass Rail, 744 N. 3rd st.

Francis Croak, an assistant district attorney, and Detective

Sgt. John Lavin left Milwaukee early Wednesday for Gary, Ind., to question an exotic dancer who left the Brass Rail after Pogrob's death.

Witnesses said the dancer was heard to remark the day Pogrob's body was found, "I'd better get out of here." She left Milwaukee Saturday or Sunday, police said. They said she had been appearing at the tavern for about one week.

Statement Given

McCauley's statement about the investigation follows:

"While it has been suggested that a John Doe or a grand jury proceeding be instituted in connection with the Isadore Pogrob

slaying, it seems best for the present to let our local police and Chief (Robert) Milke of the Mequon police department pursue their investigation unimpaired.

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Lie Test Clears Vermiglio of Connection With Slayings

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District Attorney Aide Says He Gave 'De- ceptive Responses' to Some Queries

Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio, 48, once deported hoodlum, was cleared in a lie detector test Friday of any direct connection with three Milwaukee murders but gave "deceptive responses" to some questions, Hugh O'Connell, special assistant district attorney, said Saturday.

O'Connell said that the lie detector operator reported that deceptive responses were given when Vermiglio was asked whether he had any prior knowledge of the slayings, when he was asked whether he had been directed to prepare an alibi before each of the shootings and in other areas of questioning.

Five Hour Examination

After a five hour examination of Vermiglio at the state crime laboratory at Madison, O'Connell issued this statement:

"We are satisfied that Vermiglio did not shoot, or assist in the shooting of Isadore Pogrob, John Di Trapani, or Jack Enea. We are further satisfied that he did not order or ask that any of these individuals be shot.

"We are also satisfied that Vermiglio was not in Pogrob's Brass Rail (744 N. 3rd st.) in December, 1959, or January, 1960, as has been alleged."

Pogrob's body, shot nine times, was found in a Mequon ditch Jan. 7. He was murdered sometime early on the morning of Jan. 6. Di Trapani, a Milwaukee tavern owner, was found shot to death in 1954 and Enea was murdered in 1955.

Vermiglio is being held here on a charge of using another man's name in obtaining an automobile certificate of title. He was deported to Italy in 1956 as an undesirable alien, but returned to the United States illegally. Federal authorities are seeking to deport him again.

Questions Were Limited

O'Connell said Saturday that because an advance agreement had been made with Vermiglio's attorney, Sydney M. Eisenberg, as to the specific questions Vermiglio could be asked, the inter-

rogators were unable to pursue areas of questioning in which the polygraph operator reported responses were deceptive.

The questions were prepared by Joseph Wilimovsky, of the state crime laboratory, who gave the test, O'Connell and Detective Sgt. John Lavin. They were submitted to Eisenberg for approval.

"Originally, we had a group of nine pertinent questions in each murder, but this number was reduced to five by Eisenberg," O'Connell said.

Vermiglio was arrested in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 13, and brought to Milwaukee. He consented to take the lie test after a number of conferences with Eisenberg and authorities. He did not request that the results be kept secret, O'Connell said.

He Answered "No"

O'Connell elaborated on several areas in which Wilimovsky reported answers were deceptive.

"We asked him, for example, in each of the three murders if he had knowledge before the killings that the victims were to be slain in gang style," O'Connell said.

"To each of these questions, Vermiglio said, 'No,' but in the opinion of the polygraph operator the responses were deceptive.

"If we had had any ordinary or willing subject, we could have proceeded from there. We could have asked what type of knowledge he had or how he did have knowledge. But we were limited in the questions we could ask.

Asked About Alibi

"Even if Vermiglio had come by any knowledge of the killings accidentally or innocently, we couldn't even determine that because we weren't allowed to question him further."

O'Connell said that Vermiglio was asked in connection with each of the slayings: "Were you

ordered or directed to prepare an alibi?"

Vermiglio replied, "No," in each case but the lie detector operator reported that the responses were deceptive, O'Connell said.

O'Connell said that the alibi questions were intended to determine whether Vermiglio was to prepare alibis for himself.

Stelloh Still Refuses

He said that after the results of the lie detector test were analyzed, Vermiglio was told that some of his answers appeared to be deceptive. He was asked if he would consent to further questioning. Vermiglio refused, O'Connell said.

Another man, Francis C. Stelloh, 47, of 7705 W. Lincoln av., West Allis, continued Saturday to refuse to take a lie test in connection with the Pogrob killing, despite the advice of an attorney.

His lawyer, John R. Craite, said he conferred with Stelloh in the county jail Friday night, and tried to persuade him to, but he "just won't take a test."

Stelloh faces possible revocation of his parole and may have to serve another nine years at the state prison at Waupun where he was released in January, 1959, after serving 16 years for armed robbery.

Stelloh's parole officer has recommended revocation of Stelloh's parole because of a fornication charge and because of alleged "deception" to parole authorities.



—AP Wirephoto

Sebastian Vermiglio

Man Nabbed in Slay Probe

Seized in Detroit, He Is
Wanted for Quizzing
in Pogrob Case

The investigation of the murder of night club owner Isadore (Izzy) Pogrob has resulted in the arrest at Detroit, Mich., of a 46 year old man, who entered the United States illegally from Italy after being deported as an undesirable alien.

Federal immigration officials confirmed Friday that Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio was arrested by immigration officers at Detroit Wednesday.

Milwaukee police said that Vermiglio had been living in Milwaukee most of the time for about a year and a half. He left for Detroit a few weeks ago and returned to Milwaukee three or four days before Pogrob's killing. Francis Croak, an assistant district attorney, said Vermiglio is presumed to have returned to Detroit last weekend.

Had Been Deported

Vermiglio was deported to Italy in January, 1956, and it is not known when he returned to this country.

Authorities said he had a police record dating back to 1929, including convictions for counterfeiting, burglary, forging narcotics prescriptions, grand larceny and car theft.

While here, Vermiglio lived on the northwest side, police said. He used the name and had full identification of a friend, who is being sought, Croak said.

Croak said that Vermiglio was questioned in 1954 in the investigation of the murder of John Di Trapani, Milwaukee tavern owner who was shot to death in gangland style.

His name also came up in an investigation in an investigation.

Detroit police informed Milwaukee authorities that Vermiglio's 1959 Pontiac car had been picked up, but that the car recently had been steam cleaned and offered no evidence.

Authorities said they hoped to have Vermiglio brought here from Detroit for questioning.

Pogrob, 37, disappeared early on the morning of Jan. 6 after closing his Brass Rail night club, 744 N. 3rd st. His body, shot nine times, was found the following day in a Mequon ditch.

which resulted in the revocation of the parole of Louis Fazio," Croak said. Fazio, a convicted murderer, was sent back to the state prison at Waupun by state parole authorities although no warrant was issued in the case.

Croak said that at the time of the Fazio investigation, Vermiglio was using an assumed name and police did not know that he actually was a deported alien.

2-25-60

Man Who Spurned a Pogrob Lie Test Is Back in Prison

Former convict Francis C. Stelloh, 47, who has refused to take a lie detector test in connection with the murder of night club owner Isadore Pogrob, was returned to the state prison at Waupun Thursday.

Stelloh's parole was revoked on orders of Wilbur Schmidt, director of the state department of public welfare, after state parole authorities here had recommended revocation.

Arrested on Feb. 5

Stelloh, of 7705 W. Lincoln av., was paroled in January, 1959, after serving 16 years of a 3 to 25 year sentence on a

charge of armed assault and robbery.

He was arrested Feb. 5 on a fornication charge after being previously questioned and released in connection with the Pogrob killing. The fornication charge still is pending in the district court.

Quentin Ferm, assistant director of the state division of corrections at Madison, said that Stelloh's parole was revoked on the basis of "the fornication charge and loose accounting of funds and activities."

When he last reported to a parole officer, Stelloh listed his occupation as general manager of Gallagher's Steak house, 829 N. 3rd st. Frank Balistrieri, whose brother, Peter, is president and owner of the steak house, said Stelloh was a "porter."

Board to Interview Him

Authorities said that among funds Stelloh was unable to account for was \$2,400 cash that he paid for an automobile and \$2,000 cash that he had when he was arrested early this month.

Ferm said that Stelloh would be interviewed by the state parole board next month. At that meeting, Ferm said, the board will decide the next date on which it will see Stelloh for further parole consideration and how much good time, if any, is to be taken away from him.

Stelloh faces a possible maximum of another nine years in prison, or, if good time is allowed, another three years.

Clues in the Pogrob Slaying Case Still Slim After Two Month Hunt

By J. PAUL O'BRIEN
Of The Journal Staff

For a man who weighed 320 pounds, Isadore Pogrob left only a slim trail of clues as to who murdered him.

It was two months ago Sunday that the downtown night club owner left the Belmont hotel coffee shop after an early morning breakfast with friends, entered his white Cadillac and disappeared. The body of Pogrob, blindfolded and shot nine times, was found the next day in a Mequon ditch, alongside the Mequon rd. between the Swan and Farmdale rds.

Since then Milwaukee and Mequon police have hunted unceasingly—and unsuccessfully—for Pogrob's killers. So far, they do not even know for sure why he was slain.

Work Full Time on Probe

Hugh O'Connell, special assistant district attorney, and six Milwaukee detectives, mostly from the police department's special (hoodlum) squad, still work full time on the investigation.

They are being assisted by Mequon police, Ozaukee County

Dist. Atty. James Koenen, Ozaukee county sheriff's officers and at times by agencies such as the federal immigration service and the intelligence unit of the internal revenue department.

Experts of the state crime laboratory at Madison also have aided by scientific study of what few physical clues have been uncovered. And the assistance of police of Chicago, Peoria and Detroit and other cities has from time to time been enlisted.

Slayings May Be Linked

So far, the investigation has turned up:

A nebulous link between Pogrob's murder and the unsolved slayings in 1954 of tavern owner John Di Trapani and in 1955 of Jack Enea. O'Connell says flatly that all three men were victims of gangland vengeance, and that if one case is solved the others may be solved, too.

Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio, 48, who entered the United States illegally after being deported in 1956. Vermiglio's answers in a lie detector test cleared him of any direct participation in the Pogrob killing

and the earlier murders but indicated that he had advance knowledge in all three cases. He was deported again.

The arrest and revocation of the parole of Francis D. Stelton, 47, of 7705 W. Lincoln av., West Allis, who was freed from the state prison at Waupun in January, 1959, after serving 18 of a 25-year sentence for robbery. Stelton refused to take a lie detector test in the Pogrob case.

Notebook Was Found

The finding of a notebook belonging to Vermiglio, which contained some 300 telephone numbers and addresses in many parts of the United States and in some foreign countries. Authorities have been checking each one of the addresses and telephone numbers in the belief that it may provide them with information on illegal activities. Internal revenue agents said they hoped the notebook entries would give them leads to some of Vermiglio's associates, whose tax returns they wanted to study.

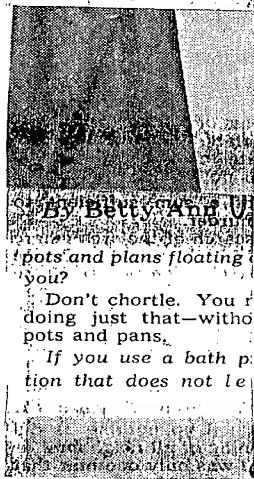
The compilation of information on the ownership and operations of downtown taverns. This was requested by Dist. Atty. William J. McCauley to see whether Pogrob's ownership or operation of the Brass Rail, 744 N. 3rd st., was a factor in his slaying.

Promising Theory Fades

Investigators have been unable to substantiate one theory that once seemed promising. That was that stolen whisky, meat and cigars were pouring into Milwaukee and that Pogrob, Di Trapani and Enea all were involved in their distribution.

They also have been unable to establish any connection between Pogrob's death and the murder of Mrs. Christina Calligaro, 22, a dancer whose bullet riddled body was found near Peoria. Mrs. Calligaro for a time worked at Pogrob's night club.

Ballistics tests showed that Pogrob was shot by bullets from two weapons, one .38 caliber



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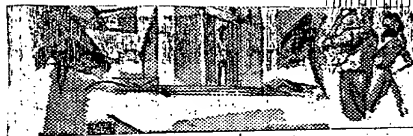
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the other .45 caliber. Markings on the slugs were compared with markings on those taken from the body of Mrs. Calligaro also from a Chicago beer distributor, who was a victim of a gangland gunfire. But in her case did the markings check. Before Vermiglio was deported, O'Connell announced that he had given authorities valuable information that could actually result in the solution of the three murders.

But it has never been revealed what such information was, although O'Connell has said that authorities are looking for one individual known to have been in contact of Vermiglio's. In his lie test, Vermiglio's answers showed that he did not know Pogrob, Di Trapani or anyone who ordered any one of the slugs shot. But, according to O'Connell, his answers were "deceptive" when he was asked if he had advance knowledge of the slayings, whether he had been ordered to prepare alibis for himself in advance of each of the shootings and whether he had knowledge of the planning of the murders.

Alibi Not Supported

The reason for Stelloh's adamant refusal to take a lie test is never known. Stelloh was questioned by police shortly after Pogrob's body was discovered Jan. 7 and then was locked up again more than a month later on a fornication charge. He knew there was the possibility that he might be confined for another three to nine years if he still refused to take the test. His alibi for the morning

of Pogrob's slaying is that he finished work at Gallagher's Steak house, 829 N. 3rd st., and then went to his home. Stelloh lived alone and has no witnesses to support his alibi, O'Connell said.

The length of time that Stelloh must serve of the remaining nine years of his sentence depends on how much, if any, previously accumulated good time prison officials may take from him.

Distrustful, Lawyer Says

Stelloh's attorney, Jack Craite, claimed that the only reason for Stelloh's refusal was that his many years in prison made him distrustful of lie tests and everything else connected with police.

But if a test had been given, Stelloh probably would have had to explain more than his activities on the morning of Pogrob's slaying. Detectives wanted to question him on how a person, described by his employer as "only a porter," could pay \$2,400 for a car and have another \$2,000 in cash in just about one year of freedom, police said.

Spent Slugs Found

Detectives investigated thoroughly Pogrob's income and expenses. They found he had rolled up some debts around town, and that he was on the C.O.D. list of a number of liquor wholesalers. But he also left an estate in excess of \$50,000 and was not known to have any debts for a sum sufficient to cause murder.

The search of the area where Pogrob's body was found was made by Mequon police. Some spent slugs were found, a box of matches and some other inconsequential items, but the murder weapons never have turned up.

Scientific tests of vacuum sweepings from Pogrob's car also turned up nothing as did questioning of all neighbors. There was only one hint that

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Pogrob Case Lie Test 'OK' for Vermiglio

Bail Is Set at \$10,000 on Auto Registration Count Over Protest by His Attorney

Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio is willing to take a lie detector test in connection with the gang style murder of night club owner Isadore Pogrob, Atty. Sydney M. Eisenberg said Saturday.

But Vermiglio and Eisenberg, his lawyer, evaded when asked if Vermiglio also was willing to take lie tests in connection with the slayings of John Di Trapani in 1954 and Jack Enea in 1955.

"Just to test him for every serious crime in the community doesn't seem logical," Eisenberg said.

Vermiglio was arraigned in the district court Saturday on a charge of using another man's name in a Wisconsin automobile registration. The offense carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment or a \$5,000 fine or both.

Bail Is \$10,000

Judge Robert W. Hansen continued the case to next Saturday and set Vermiglio's bail at \$10,000 despite Eisenberg's plea for a maximum of \$2,500.

Judge Hansen said that normally the maximum bail would be \$5,000 but that he was fixing the larger amount because Vermiglio also was under a federal deportation order on a charge of re-entering the United States illegally after being deported to his native Palermo, Sicily, in 1956. Bail of \$25,000 has been set by a Detroit (Mich.) federal court on the immigration offense.

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On the investigation of the Pogrob slaying, O'Connell said, he had offered to ask Vermiglio questions. Eisenberg said that Vermiglio had been in Milwaukee for a while and had been asked to come to Milwaukee from Detroit voluntarily and you want to know if he did you a favor. Vermiglio told O'Connell, ending his complaint in vulgarity.

Eisenberg said that the only reason Vermiglio returned to this country illegally was because "his Italian is not good enough to get along in Italy."

When he was returned here from Detroit and questioned in the detective bureau Friday night, Vermiglio added a new name to his many aliases. He was asked by Detective Capt. Leo Woelfel:

"What's your real name?"

"Joe Doakes," he answered.

"Where did you get that name?"

"From one of the Doakes boys," he said.

Vermiglio also is known as Samuel Rocco, Samuel Vermilion, Joe and Tony La Rosa and Sam Scan, police said. Federal immigration authorities arrested him at Detroit Jan. 13.

"I dunno," was Vermiglio's stock answer to Capt. Woelfel's questions. Vermiglio has been identified from pictures as a man who had been in Pogrob's Brass Rail, 744 N. 3rd st., the day before Pogrob's murder.

When Vermiglio was booked at the 1st district police station Friday night, he turned seven \$100 bills over to a patrolman for safekeeping. He kept \$87 for incidental expenses.

Vermiglio would not say when or how he had re-entered this country after his deportation. Milwaukee police say he had been living here about 18 months before his arrest in Detroit.

Deportee Is Hunted; Gone From Palermo

8-10-61

Vermiglio, Quizzed in Pogrob Murder, Is Reported to Be In or Near US

The whereabouts of Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio is a matter of international concern these days for law enforcement agencies.

In the last few weeks, Vermiglio has been variously reported in Milwaukee, "within 90 miles of Milwaukee," in Chicago, Detroit, Canada, Mexico and Italy.

Vermiglio, 49, is the twice-deported hoodlum who was questioned in the gangland slaying of Isadore Pogrob, Milwaukee night club owner whose body, shot nine times, was found in a Mequon ditch Jan. 6, 1960.

Vermiglio, who had been deported as an undesirable alien in 1956, was arrested in Detroit Jan. 13, 1960, after Milwaukee police learned that he had been in Pogrob's Brass Rail night club, 744 N. 3rd st., the night that Pogrob was taken for a gangland ride.

Authorities said Vermiglio's illegal re-entry into the United States had not been reported until he was sought in the Pogrob slaying.

Disappeared From Palermo

After he was cleared by lie detector tests of actual participation in the slaying, Vermiglio was again deported in February, 1960, to his native Palermo, Sicily.

Concern over Vermiglio's whereabouts was expressed four months ago when he disappeared from Palermo. Until that time federal immigration authorities had received weekly reports confirming that he was in Palermo.

About two months ago, it was reliably reported that he was in Mexico, seeking re-entry into the United States.

Within the last two weeks, the search had intensified. Milwaukee, Chicago and Detroit police and federal immigration and narcotics officers all have been alerted.

Thinks He's Going Back

Hugh O'Connell, special assistant district attorney, conferred with authorities in Detroit when he was there a week ago. On his return, O'Connell said that it was learned that Ver-

miglio had been in Canada near the United States border, but said he believed that Vermiglio was returning to Italy.

Since then, however, police have received persistent reports that Vermiglio actually is in the United States and in the Milwaukee or Chicago area.

Federal immigration authorities here refused to comment on the possibility that he is in the Milwaukee area.

"We would like to know where he is," one officer said.

George Belk, agent in charge of the Chicago narcotics office, said that a bulletin had been sent to his office to watch for Vermiglio there, and that all of Vermiglio's Chicago contacts were being checked.

Found Names, Addresses

One federal officer said: "We are reasonably sure that he was in Canada a few weeks ago."

O'Connell said he expected that an attempt would be made soon to permit Vermiglio to enter the United States legally through a special congressional act.

When Vermiglio was arrested in Detroit in January, 1960, authorities found notes and papers in his car. They contained about 300 addresses and telephone numbers in many parts of the United States, and in Mexico, South America, Italy and Canada.

Dist. Atty. William J. McCauley said that the entries in a notebook were "obvious contacts of various people involved in the wholesale distribution of illicit goods."

CD Will Survey Downtown Sites

Beginning next Wednesday, downtown Milwaukee buildings will be surveyed to determine their fallout protection capacities, Don E. Carleton, city civil defense director, said Thursday.

A team of 50 under direction of Robert E. Weigend, engineer co-ordinator for the Milwaukee CD administration, will contact owners and operators of buildings.

The downtown survey is the last part of a city-wide survey started June 1. The survey, financed by the federal government, will cost \$100,000.

Carleton said Sept. 15 had been set for completion of the survey.

1-25-60

Believe Deputy Saw the Killers of Pogrob

Police Report Officer Watched a Trip by Two Cars on the Day of Slaying

A Milwaukee county deputy sheriff may have seen the killers of Isadore Pogrob, returning from the spot where the night club owner was shot nine times and dumped in a drainage ditch early on the morning of Jan. 6, it was learned Monday.

Detective Inspector Rudolph Glaser Monday disclosed this fact and several other phases of the investigation which heretofore had been kept secret by police.

In addition to the \$1,500 in cash which Pogrob was known to have been carrying at the time of his slaying, he also was believed to have had several checks which have not turned up, Glaser said.

Hilbert Makes Report

Glaser said that police also had information that Pogrob's killers might have been in the vicinity of the Pogrob home at 3873 N. 76th st. on the morning of Dec. 28.

The deputy sheriff who reported he might have seen the killers is George A. Hilbert. He said he saw two cars, one answering the description of Pogrob's 1959 white Cadillac, and the other a two toned brown 1956 to 1958 Cadillac.

Hilbert said that the cars were traveling south on N. 91st st. about 5:45 a.m. Jan. 6. The driver of the white Cadillac was alone. The second car had two and possibly three occupants, he said.

Report Made on Jan. 9

Hilbert's report was made Jan. 9, two days after Pogrob's body was found in the ditch alongside the Mequon rd. and after his bloodstained car was found in a parking area near N. 91st and W. Marion sts.

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The Account of Officer

Hilbert's report on the Jan. 6 incident was:

"While on patrol on Wednesday morning, Jan. 6, 1960, I observed a 1959 white Cadillac and a late model (1956 to 1958) Cadillac traveling south on N.

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Glaser said that since Hilbert's report detectives had located about 15 two toned brown Cadillacs. The owners of

all of them have been interviewed, he said.

The owners of about 100 white Cadillacs have been checked because of the report that Pogrob's house may have been under surveillance by his killers on Dec. 28, Glaser said.

Cadillac Seen Dec. 28

Pogrob's brother-in-law, Max Kaye, who lives in the lower flat at the N. 76th st. address, told police that about 6 a.m. Dec. 28 he saw a white Cadillac, similar to that of his brother-in-law, stop near the house.

A middle aged man got out, looked into the garage, peered into a window and then left. Pogrob was not home at the time, Kaye said.

Glaser said that it was possible that the man was somebody to whom Pogrob had loaned his car, but that it seemed strange that if that were the case the man would drive off.

Glaser said that the check of owners of white Cadillacs also had turned up nothing.

Glaser requested that anyone who wrote out checks made out to "cash" and cashed them with Pogrob in the days immediately before his death notify police.

Glaser said it was customary for Pogrob to carry checks as well as cash.

One Check for Rent

One check Pogrob is believed to have been carrying was from

the department of public assistance for rental of a W. Brown st. property Pogrob owned. This check was received at Pogrob's home, apparently was picked up by him and has not cleared the bank.

Checks cashed at Pogrob's Brass Rail night club probably would have been made out to "cash," Glaser said. Some of these may have been cashed and returned, he said.

Police Monday also were investigating further the activities and background of Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio, 48, deported Detroit hoodlum under arrest by federal immigration authorities at Detroit. Vermiglio's illegal re-entry into this country was learned in the investigation of Pogrob's death. He had been deported to Sicily in 1956, but returned some time thereafter and presumably lived in Milwaukee for 18 months.

Judgments Were Satisfied

Circuit court records here showed that Vermiglio and a Detroit attorney, Henry P. Onrich, received a \$31,000 loan from Orlando P. (Lonny) Colamatteo, a Chicago accountant who has reputed underworld connections.

Promissory notes in connection with the loan were assigned to the Home Savings bank, 2200 N. 3rd st., and the bank obtained judgments in circuit court here in 1955 and 1956 for their collections. The judgments were satisfied in December, 1957.

Colamatteo has been questioned several times recently by Chicago police and federal agents concerning his interests in the Harlem-Irving Plaza, a

multi-million-dollar Chicago shopping center.

Edmund Juzwik, 49, former president of the center, has been attacked several times, according to Chicago police, and on one occasion 10 bullets were poured into his car as he was on his way to be questioned by federal authorities.

Probers Quizzed Colamatteo

Colamatteo told police he knew nothing of the attacks.

Last April, he and another Chicago man were questioned by senate rackets committee investigators about their interest in the shopping center.

Investigation of Vermiglio also has disclosed the fact that in October, 1957, a 29 year old Milwaukee woman obtained an annulment of her marriage to him, claiming that it was a bigamous marriage and that Vermiglio had a wife in Detroit.

The annulment was obtained in the circuit court here by a Rose Visintainer, who said she married Vermiglio June 29, 1953, at Bowling Green, Ohio.

India, Vietnam Extend Pact

New Delhi, India - UPI - The government of India has agreed to extend its trade agreement with Communist North Vietnam for two more years, it was announced Sunday.

Turks OK Vatican Tie

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Cadillac Seen Dec. 28

Pogrob's brother-in-law, Max Kaye, who lives in the lower flat at the N. 76th st. address, told police that about 6 a.m. Dec. 28 he saw a white Cadillac, similar to that of his brother-in-law, stop near the house.

A middle-aged man got out, looked into the garage, peered into a window and then left. Pogrob was not home at the time, Kaye said.

Glaser said that it was possible that the man was somebody to whom Pogrob had loaned his car, but that it seemed strange that if that were the case the man would drive off.

Glaser said that the check of owners of white Cadillacs also had turned up nothing.

Glaser requested that anyone who wrote out checks made out to "cash" and cashed them with Pogrob in the days immediately before his death notify police.

Glaser said it was customary for Pogrob to carry checks as well as cash.

One Check for Rent

One check Pogrob is believed to have been carrying was from

the department of public assistance for rental of a W. Brown st. property Pogrob owned. This check was received at Pogrob's home, apparently was picked up by him and has not cleared the bank.

at Pogrob's B. club probably made out to . Some of . shed and returned, he said.

Police Monday also were investigating further the activities and background of Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio, 48, deported Detroit hoodlum under arrest by federal immigration authorities at Detroit. Vermiglio's illegal re-entry into this country was learned in the investigation of Pogrob's death. He had been deported to Sicily in 1956, but returned some time thereafter and presumably lived in Milwaukee for 13 months.

Judgments Were Satisfied

Circuit court records here showed that Vermiglio and a Detroit attorney, Henry P. Onrich, received a \$31,000 loan from Orlando P. (Lonny) Colamatto, a Chicago accountant who has reputed underworld connections.

Promissory notes in connection with the loan were assigned to the Home Savings bank, 2200 N. 3rd st., and the bank obtained judgments in circuit court here in 1955 and 1956 for their collections. The judgments were satisfied in December, 1957.

Colamatto has been questioned several times recently by Chicago police and federal agents concerning his interests in the Harlem-Irving Plaza, a

multi-million-dollar Chicago shopping center.

Edmund Juzwik, 49, former president of the center, has been attacked several times, according to Chicago police, and on one occasion 10 bullets were poured into his car as he was on his way to be questioned by federal authorities.

Pogrob's Quizzed Colamatto

Colamatto told police he knew nothing of the attacks.

Last April, he and another Chicago man were questioned by senate rackets committee investigators about their interest in the shopping center.

Investigation of Vermiglio also has disclosed the fact that in October, 1957, a 29 year old Milwaukee woman obtained an annulment of her marriage to him, claiming that it was a bigamous marriage and that Vermiglio had a wife in Detroit.

The annulment was obtained in the circuit court here by a Rose Visintainer, who said she married Vermiglio June 29, 1953, at Bowling Green, Ohio.

India, Vietnam Extend Pact

New Delhi, India—UPI—The government of India has agreed to extend its trade agreement with Communist North Vietnam for two more years, it was announced Sunday.

Turks OK Vatican Tie

Ankara, Turkey—UPI—Turkey has decided to establish diplomatic relations with the Vatican, the foreign ministry announced Monday.



Tips to Police Fade Year After Slaying

Police Have Run Out of Leads to Follow on 'Gang' Killing of Izzy Pogrob

Just a year ago last Friday, 320 pound Isadore (Izzy) Pogrob, 37, entered his white Cadillac convertible after an early morning breakfast at the Belmont hotel coffee shop. His body, blindfolded and shot nine times, was found the next afternoon in a Mequon ditch.

Today, after 12 months of constant investigation, police still are baffled by his slaying. That Pogrob was a victim of gangland vengeance seems obvious. But why he was killed remains unanswered.

According to detectives, the fact that Pogrob was shot by guns of two different calibers would indicate that at least two gunmen accompanied him on his



Isadore Pogrob

last ride and that his murder was something that was planned and not a crime of passion.

As owner of the Brass Rail night club, 744 N. 3rd st., Pogrob was rumored to be involved in several things that might have caused him to be a target of gangland guns.

"Hot" Whisky Cools

There were reports of "hot" whisky and cigaret dealings. Agents checked the liquor stock in Pogrob's night club and Jack's liquor store, 608 N. 3rd st., which he also owned, bottle by bottle. But their efforts showed no trace of illegally manufactured or hijacked liquor.

Detectives investigated reports that Pogrob might have been involved with syndicate gambling, but all evidence pointed up the fact that Pogrob gambled only occasionally and moderately.

Another theory that was in-

vestigated, but to no avail, was that Pogrob had not paid bills for talent he used in his night club. Until some months before his death, the Brass Rail had presented name bands at weekly costs that ran into several thousands of dollars. Pogrob converted the Brass Rail before his death into a strip tease club, but the costs still were high.

Detective Capt. Adrian Mershon, of the police department's special assignment (hoodlum) squad, concedes that police now are without any promising leads in the slaying.

Speeding Cadillac Seen

Until a few weeks ago, he said, police frequently received tips, each of which was followed diligently. But, now, the tips have run out and police have no leads that have not been investigated.

Pogrob's own white Cadillac and a brown Cadillac, reportedly seen by a deputy sheriff speeding to Milwaukee from Mequon on the morning of Pogrob's slaying, figured prominently in the investigation.

But, according to Mershon, every Cadillac registered in Wisconsin has been checked out, without results.

Cadillacs also had figured in two other gangland type slayings here. They were the murders of John Di Trapani, 40, Milwaukee tavern owner, and of Jack Enea, 46, a minor Milwaukee hoodlum. These slayings, too, remain unsolved despite unceasing detective work that began in 1954.

But despite the fact that they admit that the chances of catching Pogrob's killers appear slim, detectives still are not willing to write off his murder as unsolved.

Linked to Another

"Any time there is a lead at all we'll follow it," one officer said.

One clue that still interests officers is a possible link between the murder of Pogrob and the slaying three weeks earlier at Peoria, Ill., of Mrs. Christina Calligaro, 22 year old show girl.

Mrs. Calligaro, under her stage name of Brenda Bay, danced at the Brass Rail here for eight weeks before going to Peoria. She was slain on the night she was to have opened in Peoria's most notorious night club.

Milwaukee police recently turned up an important witness in the Calligaro case, but it also is still unsolved.

The witness, a former prize fighter living in Milwaukee, was a bouncer in the Peoria club when Mrs. Calligaro reported there for work. He told of a bit-

ter argument which resulted in her being fired just before her opening number and of meeting her and another performer later at a Peoria tavern, just an hour before she left in an automobile to ride to her death.

Known as Tough

The witness also told of meeting in Peoria a man he described as a professional killer. Peoria police said that they knew the man named as "a tough character who likes to push people around."

It is possible, detectives say, that both Pogrob and Mrs. Calligaro knew too much of hoodlum operations of some night clubs

and strip tease places and that this knowledge may be the link between the two slayings.

Two former convicts were important in the Pogrob investigation. One was Sebastian (Sam) Vermiglio, who had re-entered the United States illegally after being deported. He was arrested in Detroit, returned to Milwaukee and given a lie detector test in connection with the slaying. He was again deported after taking the test.

The other was Francis C. Stelloh, who refused to take a lie detector test. Stelloh was arrested on a morals charge and his parole from the state prison at Waupun was revoked.

*Memorandum*TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-~~1676~~)

DATE: 8/24/80

FROM : SPC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ISADORE POGROB, AKA
IZZIE POGROB (DECEASED)

INFORMATION CONCERNING

At approximately 4:56 P.M., this date, [REDACTED] contacted writer and advised that he had witnessed the abduction of POGROB from a downtown Milwaukee street some 20 years ago and would like to discuss same with the FBI. [REDACTED] also stated that he has additional information which the FBI may be interested in.

[REDACTED] stated that he would like to meet with the FBI (sometime on 8/25 next.

At 7:30 P.M., this date, writer placed a confirmation call to the Ramada Inn [REDACTED]. Desk Clerk advised writer [REDACTED] and then connected writer to [REDACTED]. Writer spoke to an unidentified female who stated [REDACTED] would come to the phone in a few minutes. [REDACTED] then answered phone and when he recognized writer's voice reiterated that he wished to speak to the FBI regarding the POGROB abduction and subsequent slaying.

Above information being directed to file for appropriate action.

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FOR INFO ATLANTA, THE BODY OF CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL WAS
 FOUND IN A DITCH IN MEQUON, WISCONSIN, ON JAN. 7, 1960. POLGROB
 HAD BEEN BLINDFOLDED AND SHOT IN THE NECK NINE TIMES. POLGROB
 WAS A KNOWN HOODLUM FIGURE IN THE MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, AREA IN
 THE LATE 1950'S AND WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE OWED MONEY OR TO HAVE
 BEEN OTHERWISE OBLIGATED TO ORGANIZED CRIME KINGPIN, FRANK
 BALISTRIERI, WHICH POLGROB APPARENTLY REFUSED TO SATISFY.

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ON AUG. 24, 1980, AT APPROXIMATELY 4:56 P.M.,

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DOB [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE AND ADVISED HE HAD WITNESSED THE ABDUCTION OF POY GROB FROM A DOWNTOWN MILWAUKEE STREET SOME 20 YEARS AGO AND WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE FBI. [REDACTED] ALSO STATED THAT HE HAD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH THE FBI MAY BE INTERESTED IN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE FBI SOMETIME ON AUG. 25, 1980. THE BUREAU EMPLOYEE WHO RECEIVED THE INITIAL TELEPHONE CALL PLACED A CONFIRMATION CALL TO THE RAMADA LATER IN THE EVENING OF AUG. 24, 1980, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AN UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE ANSWERED THE ROOM TELEPHONE AND CALLED [REDACTED] TO THE PHONE. WHEN [REDACTED] ANSWERED THE TELEPHONE, HE RECOGNIZED THE CALLING BUREAU EMPLOYEE'S VOICE AND REITERATED THAT HE WISHED TO SPEAK WITH THE FBI REGARDING THE POY GROB ABDUCTION AND SUBSEQUENT SLAYING, BUT DID NOT DESIRE TO MEET WITH AN FBI AGENT ON THIS DATE AND REQUESTED THAT HE BE CONTACTED ON AUG. 25, 1980.

EFFORTS TO CONTACT [REDACTED] ON AUG. 25, 1980, AT THE RAMADA

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INN, MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT HE AND
A FEMALE COMPANION CHECKED OUT OF THE HOTEL AT 10:20 A.M. ON THAT
DATE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THERE WAS NO BUSINESS FIRM LISTED ON THE
REGISTRATION CARD AND THE ONLY OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNED THEIR
AUTOMOBILE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
THROUGH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TELETYPE SYSTEM (LETS) DETERMINED
THAT THIS LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED]

REVIEW OF MILWAUKEE FILES [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHO ADMITTED HIS INVOLVEMENT
 IN THIS MATTER, WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONVICTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES
 AND WAS SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR PROBATION ON LOCAL CHARGES WITH
 FEDERAL PROSECUTION BEING DECLINED. A CHECK OF [REDACTED] DMV
 RECORDS THROUGH LETS [REDACTED]

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THE INDIVIDUAL(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GANGLAND-STYLE KILLING
 OF POXGROB HAS NEVER BEEN IDENTIFIED AND THOUGH IT IS BELIEVED
 THAT FRANK BALISTRIERI ORDERED HIS KILLING, THIS HAS NEVER BEEN
 PROVEN. MI 92-146, CONCERNING PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION OF POXGROB,
 HAS BEEN ROUTINELY DESTROYED.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

CONCERNING HIS
KNOWLEDGE OF ISADORE POYGROB'S ABDUCTION AND SLAYING ON JAN. 7,
1960. WILL ALSO ASCERTAIN WHAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS IN HIS
POSSESSION WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU, IN EFFORT TO
EVALUATE HIS SOURCE POTENTIAL.

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POGRORB
AR (A); 00: MI.

RE MI TEL TO AT 8/28/80.

AFTER TWO NEGATIVE ATTEMPTS [REDACTED]

WAS LOCAED AND INTERVIEWED [REDACTED]

HE RECALLED SEEING TWO WHITE MALES FORCING ISADORE PORGORB INTO
A WHITE, 1960 4-DOOR CADILLAC, BEARING UNKNOWN ILLINOIS LICENSE
TAG IN THE VICINITY OF THIRD AND WELLS STS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PORGORB WHEN HE OBSERVED THE INCIDENT. HE DESCRIBED THE TWO
WHITE MALES AS BEING LARGE EARLY 30S AND ITALIAN LOOKING9 HE
HAD NEVER SEEN EITHER MAN BEFORE THE INCIDENT AND HAS NOT SEEN

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THEM SINCE. [REDACTED] SAID THA PORGORB APPEARED TO BE

CONSCIOUS AND THAT HE WAS BEING FORCED INTO THE CAR.,

[REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW PORGORBQKLL, BUT KNEW HIM FROM
THE LOCAL BARS AND CLUBS (ONE IN PARTICULAR, THE BRASS RAIL).

[REDACTED] HAS NEVER TOLD ANYONE WHAT HE OBSERVED ON THAT NIGHT
FOR FEAR OF HIS LIFE. HE DID NOT THINK HE WOULD RECOGNIZE
THE INDIVIDUALS HE OBSERVED FORCING PORGORB INTO THE CAR.

[REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED HE DID NOT DESIRE TO TESTIFY CONCERNING
THIS

[REDACTED] STATED THAT WHEN HE CALLED THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE
OF THE FBI ON SUNDAY, 8/24/80, HE HAD BEEN DRINKING. [REDACTED]
ADVISED THAT HE HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FURNISH THE
FBI OTHER THAN THE INFORMATION HE HAS FURNISHED CONCERNING
THE PORGORB MURDER. HE FURTHER ADVISED [REDACTED]

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RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, SEPTEMBER 5, 1980.

[] WAS CONTACTED ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 1980, RE THE POGROB MURDER. HE ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT RECALL SEEING A BROWN CADILLAC DURING THE POGROB ABDUCTION. [] INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER UNDERGOING A HYPNOTIC INTERVIEW, BUT THAT HE WANTED SOME TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT. HE WAS OLD THAT ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED FROM THE INTERVIEW WOULD BE USED FOR LEAD PURPOSES, AND THAT HE WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO TESTIFY IF HE DID NOT DESIRE TO DO SO.

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ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO RECONTACT [] BY SEPTEMBER 12, 1980, TO DETERMINE HIS DECISION. IF [] AGREES, THE

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ATLANTA DIVISION FEELS THA IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE AN
AGENT FROM THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION WHO IS KNOWLEDGABLE RE THE
POGROB HOMICIDE TO ASSIS IN PREPARING THE INTERVIEW9 IF THIS
IS NOT FESIBLE, ATLANTA WILL NEED COMPLETE BACKGROUND RE POGROB
MURDER TO PROPERLY PREPARE FOR THE INTERVIEW9

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-1676) (P)
SUBJECT: ISADORE POGROB, aka
Izzie Pogrob (Deceased)
Information Concerning; AR (A)
(OO:MI)

For the information of FBIHQ, Milwaukee is in receipt of information from an individual who recently alleged that he witnessed the abduction of subject from a Milwaukee street corner on 1/7/60. Subject's body was found later that day in a ditch in Mequon, Wisconsin. He had been blindfolded and shot in the neck nine times. His murder has never been solved to date, though several suspects with organized crime connections were developed at the time. Milwaukee file number 92-146, which contained previous investigation relating to subject's activities was previously destroyed under the Bureau's previous file destruction program.

In view of the above, FBIHQ is requested to furnish Milwaukee with a copy of subject's file maintained at the Bureau.

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ISADORE POGROB, AKA (DECEASED); INFORMATION CONCERNING; AR (A);

OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO MILWAUKEE SEPT. 3, 1980.

ATLANTA NOTE CORRECT SPELLING OF SUBJECT'S LAST NAME IS
POGROB.

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA, INFORMATION FURNISHED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS SET FORTH IN RE TELETYPE, APPEARS TO BE FACTUAL. POGROB OWNED A 1959 WHITE CADILLAC BEARING WISCONSIN LICENSE PLATES BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN USED BY HIS ABDUCTORS. POGROB'S BLOOD-STAINED CAR WAS FOUND PARKED IN MILWAUKEE TWO DAYS AFTER HIS KILLING, JAN. 7, 1960. A SECOND VEHICLE, DESCRIBED AS A TWO-TONED BROWN 1956 TO 1958 CADILLAC, WAS REPORTEDLY SEEN FOLLOWING POGROB'S CAR, AFTER THE ABDUCTION. WHITE CADILLAC WAS BEING DRIVEN BY WHITE MALE, 35-45, BAREHEADED, AND BROWN CADILLAC CONTAINED AT LEAST TWO TO THREE

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OCCUPANTS, NO DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE, OTHER THAN DRIVER WHO WORE HAT AND POSSIBLY GLASSES.

POGROB WAS OPERATOR OF THE BRASS RAIL BAR, NOW REPUTEDLY RUN BY MILWAUKEE LCN BOSS FRANK BALISTRIERI. MILWAUKEE BELIEVES BALISTRIERI ORDERED HIT OF POGROB OVER DEBT DISPUTE. BALISTRIERI REPORTED TO ORGANIZED CRIME FIGURES IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND HIT CONCEIVABLY PERPETRATED BY A HIT MAN FROM ILLINOIS, GIVING CREDENCE TO ☐ OBSERVING AN ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATE. MILWAUKEE FURTHER BELIEVES THAT BALISTRIERI HAS ORDERED AT LEAST SIX MURDERS IN MILWAUKEE SINCE 1960, NONE OF WHICH HAVE BEEN SOLVED.

ATLANTA RECONTACT ☐ AND DETERMINE IF HE OBSERVED A BROWN CADILLAC DURING POGROB ABDUCTION. WILL ALSO ASCERTAIN IF HE WOULD UNDERGO HYPNOTIC INTERVIEW IN ORDER TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF ABDUCTION, TO INCLUDE DESCRIPTION OF LICENSE PLATE AND TO POSSIBLY FURNISH AN ARTIST CONCEPTION OF ABDUCTORS. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED TO HIM THAT THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE USED FOR LEAD PURPOSES, AS MILWAUKEE DESIRES TO HONOR HIS REQUEST NOT TO TESTIFY IN THIS MATTER. IF HE AGREES TO HYPNOTIC INTERVIEW, HANDLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO SAME.

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The following description and background information
were obtained from during the interview:

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Sex
Date of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Address

Telephone Number
Occupation

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TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (92-1778) (P) (SQUAD 6)
 SUBJECT: ISADORE POGROB, aka
 Izzie Pogrob (DECEASED);
 INFORMATION CONCERNING;
 AR (A)
 OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee teletype to Atlanta, dated 8/28/80; and
 Atlanta teletype to Milwaukee, dated 9/3/80.

Enclosed for Milwaukee are the original and two copies
 of an FD-302 reflecting interview [redacted] 9/3/80,
 and the notes taken during the interview.

[redacted] did not appear to be fully candid during the
 interview. [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that he would not testify concerning this matter,
 but it is the opinion of the interviewing Agent that if [redacted]
 is subpoenaed he would furnish information set forth in the
 enclosed FD-302.

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RE:

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TITLE OF CASE MAFIA - MILWAUKEE DIVISION		Report made by SA JAMES E. McARDLE	Typed By: ef
		CHARACTER OF CASE INFORMATION CONCERNING	

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REFERENCE

Report of SA JAMES E. McARDLE, Milwaukee dated 11/27/59.

ADMINISTRATIVE

No lead is being set out for Chicago to verify trips of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI or his associates to Waukegan since lead has been set out in BALISTRIERI file, MI 94-316.

On December 5, 1959, PCI [redacted] advised Special Agent JOHN H. GASSAWAY that the top hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, including JOHN ALIOTO and FRANK BALISTRIERI, have been trying to become friendly with [redacted] but have been unsuccessful. The PCI stated he heard several complaints from local hoodlums that [redacted] will have nothing to do with them and has given them the cold shoulder every

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time they have endeavored to contact him and become friendly.

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On January 26, 1960, PCI [REDACTED] advised Special Agent JAMES E. McARDLE that Milwaukee is very quiet at the present time and that all night club and tavern operators are being very much on the alert to insure that everything runs peaceably and well within the law because the Milwaukee Police Department is now very much alert to the possibility of anything off color--this following the recent gangland type slaying in the

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metropolitan area by unknown subjects of IZZY ~~POGROB~~^{WISC}, the former operator of the Brass Rail, a Milwaukee night club which for the past few months has been featuring "strip tease" acts. This PCI advised that to the best of his knowledge BALISTRIERI continues in the leadership role of the Italian-American hoodlum element in Milwaukee, and that although in his opinion the POGROB "job" was probably done by individuals other than metropolitan Milwaukee elements, it is very likely that BALISTRIERI had prior knowledge that something might happen to POGROB.

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The PCI further stated that it has come to his attention that BALISTRIERI has been interviewed on at least five occasions since the POGROB murder by various officials and members of the Milwaukee Police Department, but they have on no occasion been able to pin anything on him.

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THE MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will continue efforts to develop additional information regarding activities of the Italian-American hoodlum element in the Milwaukee area.

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URGENT 5-7-61 1-54 AM MST DLR
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC MILWAUKEE
FROM SAC DENVER

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, DENVER DIVISION. SOURCES AT CASPER,
WYOMING HAVE REPORTED DURING PAST WEEK APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MEN
HAVE BEEN IN CASPER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HAS RENTED OFFICE SPACE

IN NAME OF UNION IMPROVEMENTS. CHIEF OF POLICE PAUL DANIGAN HAS
REPORTED HE IS SUSPICIOUS OF THIS GROUP BECAUSE THEY QUOTE LOOK LIKE
A BUNCH OF HOODLUMS UNQUOTE AND HAVE BEEN SPENDING MONEY FREELY IN
LOCAL NIGHT SPOTS AND HE HAS RECEIVED UNVERIFIED REPORTS SOME OF THEM
HAVE BEEN CARRYING PISTOLS AND SAY THEY ARE GOING TO ORGANIZE STATE
OF WYOMING. HE STATES HE HAS INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] AND SOUGHT TO HAVE
HIS MEN REGISTER UNDER CITY ORDINANCE AS SALES SOLICITORS, BUT
[REDACTED] WAS UNCOOPERATIVE AND VAGUE ABOUT NATURE OF HIS BUSINESS. NO

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← CONTACTS BEING MAINTAINED WITH CASPER P. D. AND OTHER ESTABLISHED SOURCES. [REDACTED] RETURNED TO MILWAUKEE BY PLANE FOR WEEK END. RETURNING CASPER MAY NINTH. AGENTS PLAN TO INTERVIEW HIM UPON HIS RETURN, USING AS REASON FOR INTERVIEW, HIS ALLEGED STATEMENT HIS PLANNING TO TAKE OVER VENDING MACHINE BUSINESS IN WYOMING AND ORGANIZE STATE. IN CONFERENCE WITH AGENTS AT CASPER SIXTH INSTANT C. O. P. DANIGAN STATED HE WORRIED ABOUT THIS GROUP REMAINING IN CASPER AND IS CONSIDERING PULLING ALL OF THEM IN TO BE INTERVIEWED AND FINGER-PRINTED, ALTHOUGH NO CLEAN VIOLATIONS NOW APPARENT. HE POINTED OUT HE HAS ONLY A SMALL FORCE AND IS CONSIDERING ASKING BUREAU TO FURNISH AGENTS TO ASSIST HIM. IF SUCH REQUEST IS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE WILL BE DECLINED IN ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC ALLEGATION OF VIOLATION WITHIN BUREAU JURISDICTION. HOWEVER, PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED THROUGH OUR CONTINUED DESCRECT INQUIRIES WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO CHIEF DANIGAN.
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BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. MILWAUKEE
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (63-4296-30)

DATE: 1/11/60

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (94-312)

SUBJECT: CRIMDEL - CRS

Re SAC Letters 57-69(H) and 59-51(D).

GANGLAND STYLE MURDER IN MILWAUKEE, WIS.

At 2:30 a.m. the morning of 1/6/60 ISADORE "IZZY" POGROB, owner and operator of the Brass Rail, local night club, located in downtown Milwaukee, closed his establishment and, in company of one of his bartenders, went to the Belmont Hotel for an early breakfast. At the Belmont Hotel POGROB flashed a large roll of bills, visited with several friends and left there about 3:15 a.m. that date. POGROB was never seen again alive. DELETED

On the morning of 1/7/60 neighbors near 4301 N. 91st St., in northwest Milwaukee, reported to the police that POGROB's white Cadillac was parked in back of the duplex at that address. The car was covered with blood but no clue as to POGROB's whereabouts was found. About noon on the same date POGROB's body was found in a small stream on Hy 167, 15 miles north of the center of Milwaukee in adjoining Ozaukee County. He had been shot 9 times in the head, apparently with two different caliber guns. A blindfold was tied about his eyes. The 320 lb. body had been shoved from the railing of the bridge into the creek.

To date, investigation by Milwaukee PD and City of Mequon PD has failed to identify his assailants. The newspapers, police officials and others have speculated on the motive for his murder. Robbery cannot, of course, be eliminated, as he was found with only 93¢ on his person.

POGROB, until about 6 months ago, had picked nationally known bands to entertain in his night club. He recently started picking strip tease artists and exotic dancers, this in direct competition with one FRANK BALISTRERI, alleged head of the Italian-American underworld in Milwaukee. Some people believe POGROB was wiped out to eliminate the competition with BALISTRERI. Others allege that one LOUIS FAZIO, who was

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recently returned to Wis. State Penitentiary at Waupun for violation of parole to complete sentence in a murder charge, was engaged in traffic in illicit liquor and that POGROB "squealed" on him to police resulting in revocation of his parole.

Another theory behind POGROB's death says that in some manner it is connected with the death of a show girl near Peoria, Ill. recently. This girl, whose stage name was BRENDA BAYE, and whose real name is CHRISTINA CALLIGARO, danced at POGROB's place (the Brass Rail) for several weeks in the fall of 1959. Her body was found early in January, 1960 in a road side ditch near Peoria, Ill. It is speculated that she owed POGROB money and he had her killed because of it. In retaliation friends of the girl had POGROB killed.

Thus far, as far as is known to this office, no facts support any of the above theories and the crime remains unsolved.

^{Wis.}
The Mayor of Milwaukee, ~~FRANK ZEIDLER~~, according to the press and in particular the Milwaukee Sentinel in its issue of 1/9/60, is angered "by the boldness with which ISADORE POGROB was executed in gangland style..." On 1/11/60 Mayor ZEIDLER, through his bodyguard, requested the SAC of the Milwaukee Office to send a SA to see him. Two SAs of this office went to Mayor ZEIDLER's office on that date and in substance the Mayor "invited" the FBI to enter the investigation. The Mayor was advised of the lack of FBI jurisdiction in the matter. The Bureau has been separately advised of above under the caption "UNSUBS; Murder of ISADORE POGROB, aka Izzy, AR."

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES

TO : Director, FBI (63-4296-30)

DATE: 2/16/60

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (94-312)

SUBJECT: CRIMDEL - CRS

Re SAC Letters 57-69(H) and 59-51(D).

VERMIGLIO CLEARED OF POGROB SLAYING

EX-105

Reference is made to submissions from this office dated 1/11/60 and 1/20/60.

Wick According to the Milwaukee Sentinel of Saturday, 2/13/60, SEBASTIAN VERMIGLIO passed his lie detector test in the ISADORE POGROB murder investigation with "flying colors" on Friday, 2/12/60.

The article stated that VERMIGLIO was given a 5-hour examination at the State Crime Laboratory in Madison, Wis., and Milwaukee County Asst. DA HUGH O'CONNELL was quoted as saying that, "We are satisfied that VERMIGLIO did not shoot or assist in the shooting of ISADORE POGROB, JOHN DI TRAPANI or JACK ENEA. We are further satisfied that he did not order or ask that any of these individuals be shot."

O'CONNELL, in referring to DI TRAPANI and ENEA, was referring to the other two unsolved "gang style" killings in Milwaukee going back to March, 1954, when DI TRAPANI was killed.

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR GIVES VIEWS ON POLICE TRAINING

Re submission 2/15/60, captioned as above.

The Milwaukee Journal in its 2/15/60 issue quotes State Senator HENRY W. MAIER, candidate for Mayor of Milwaukee, Wis., as proposing that applicants for the Milwaukee police force should be required to have a high school diploma and to take a psychological test. He said, "The power vested in a policeman demands that he be stable enough to use it with caution and good judgment at all times." MAIER also suggested that the pay range for Milwaukee patrolmen is too narrow. He pointed out it spread from \$4840 to \$5610 per annum, which is about 16%. He stated that, "some experts" had recommended a spread of 60% to 70%.

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MAIER also suggested, as previously reported, elimination of municipal and state residence requirements for police applicants. He further proposed a provision for police service by Milwaukee on a fee basis to some outlying communities and establishment of a central police records depository in Milwaukee.

PAROLEE STRIKES AS VICIOUS RAPIST

Sheriff CHARLES LOWRY, Winnebago County, Wis. SO, advised on 2/12/60 that one [redacted] had been arrested early that morning for a vicious crime of rape. He stated that a 15 year old girl from Menasha had been stabbed by him 20 times with a jackknife after he raped her in a wooded area west of Neenah early that morning. He apparently left her for dead, but she recovered consciousness and, clad only in coat, one shoe and a pair of socks, walked a mile to a farm house in freezing weather bleeding from the neck, back, chest and leg wounds. She arrived there about 2:23 a.m., but in the meantime [redacted] had been involved in an accident while enroute from the rape scene and when officers investigated his accident, which involved running into a utility pole, it appeared there might be damage to the car inflicted other than in the accident. Examination of the car was made and blood and pieces of feminine underwear were found therein. [redacted] was then arrested at the hospital, where he was taken for injuries, suffered in the accident.

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The victim, who is recovering, told SO officers that she and another girl who were acquainted with [redacted] had been given a ride by [redacted] but, after taking the other girl home, he drove her into the country and when she resisted his advances stabbed her repeatedly.

[redacted] who is on parole from Green Bay, Wis. Reformatory, had served a term there for prior offense involving carnal knowledge and abuse. He is being held under \$10,000 bond.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/11/61

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-146)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: ISADORE POGROB
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ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIV.

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On 7/11/61 [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, advised that his department is presently attempting to link together the murder of POGROB on 1/6/60 in Mequon, Wisconsin, and that of CHRISTINEA CALLIGARO, Woodford County, Illinois, on 12/19/59. [redacted] advised that in the investigation of CALLIGARO, a suspect by the name of [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] keeps coming to the front.

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[redacted] requested photograph, the identification record, and a photographic copy of the fingerprint card of [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that both CALLIGARO and POGROB were murdered with a 38 caliber weapon. He noted that records, Peoria, Illinois PD, reflect [redacted] on December 18, 1959, which is one day before CALLIGARO was murdered, from Swap Shop in Peoria, Illinois.

LEADS

FBI LABORATORY

Is requested to check [redacted] through the National Stolen Property file.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Is requested to furnish the Milwaukee Division with a photo, identification record, and a photographic copy of the fingerprints of [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

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URGENT 1-7-60

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE 072240

ISADORE POGROB, AKA. IZZY POGROB, MISSING PERSON. REMITEL
 TO BUREAU THIS DATE CAPTIONED AS ABOVE. POGROB'S BODY
 FOUND MURDERED IN A DITCH ON FARMDALE ROAD AT HIGHWAY
 167 IN THE CITY OF MEQUON, WISCONSIN. MEQUON IS A SUBURB
 OF MILWAUKEE AND LOCATED 15 MILES FROM DOWNTOWN MILWAUKEE.

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DAVID DARR. SOME OFFICIALS OF MID FEEL THAT BOGGE IS ONLY CHAIRING
OF THE WHEELS. HE WAS BRIEFED, WHILE OTHERS SUSPECT BOGGE
IS A. THE STATE FILE REVEALS THAT BOGGE INVOLVED IN A CRIME
THAT WAS TAKEN IN A COURTROOM IN MILWAUKEE IN 1934 BY A JURY.
VITO VILELO, ONE OF THE TWO PARTIES WHO WITH BOGGE HAD EARLY
CONTACT, HAS BEEN KNOWN LOCALLY AS A "CRIMINAL HOODLUM",

RECENTLY A. AND A SUSPECT IN THE CAROLAND STYLE MURDER OF
JULIA LUNA, ANOTHER MILWAUKEE HOODLUM, SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

VITO VILELO HAS NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME IN MILWAUKEE.

HENRY MANTLER, KNOWN LOCALLY AS A BETTY CAYLER AND A FORMER
HORSE RACING BOOKIE. INDICES NEGATIVE AS TO CURRENT STATUS.

FBI ASSISTANCE HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED BY MID. NO INVESTIGATION
BEING CONDUCTED BY MID OFFICE, AND NONE CONDUCTED IN FIELD
OF INTEREST INDICATION OF FEDERAL VIOLATION, IF ANY, EVEN
BUT WILL BE ADVISED. FIELD INQUIRY BEING ANSWERED THAT
FBI HAS A COPY OF ALL THIS CASE TO CHICAGO FOR INFO.
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I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR
LETTER OF THE 11TH INST. PERTAINING TO THE
LETTER OF THE 11TH INST. WITH THE MEMBER OF THE FAMILY
WHICH HE HAS NOT DONE TO DATE ON THIS
MATTER.

Yours truly,

J. H. H.

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Mr. [redacted]

January 14, 1960

H. A. Jones

MAYOR H. A. JONES
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
MURDER OF ISADORE POGROB

BACKGROUND:

By teletype 1-11-60, (attached) SAC, Milwaukee advised that on that date captioned individual requested an FBI Agent call on him. Zeidler was interviewed and stated he was concerned about inability of local authorities to cope with murder case of Isadore Pogrob, Milwaukee night club operator, who was killed 1-6-60, in apparent gangland style. He said there were rumors Pogrob was murdered by underworld for squealing on Louis Razio, convicted murderer recently returned to prison for parole violation, who was allegedly dealing in stolen liquor. Zeidler stated it was time Federal Government saved municipalities which appeared to be helpless, and in this connection he had called Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin. Zeidler was informed concerning our investigative jurisdiction and availability of FBI's cooperative services. Further, that we maintain close liaison with Milwaukee Police Department.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT:

The Director wrote on above teletype: "I recall correctly, Mayor Zeidler has had a hostile attitude to various 'I. A.' Purpose of this memorandum is to answer Director's inquiry."

INFORMATION IN BU FILES RE ZEIDLER:

We have had numerous contacts with Zeidler over the years. We have conducted no investigation of Zeidler. Our records indicate that during early 1940's he served as State Secretary of Socialist Party of Wisconsin. Zeidler was bitterly attacked during political campaigns by members of Communist Party and Socialist Workers Party as a "Fascist" and "defeatist" when he did not favor opening second front during World War II. Zeidler has been outspoken in his condemnation of the activities of Communist Party and Socialist Workers Party, particularly concerning Communist front organizations. (62-80527-43525).

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The Director's comment concerns incident that occurred 12-5-57. On that date, Zeldler was interviewed by S-I Agent in case of "Clarence Wilson Senior; Loyalty of Employees of the United Nations." After furnishing information concerning Senior, Zeldler made critical remarks about the FBI. He stated that Agents for whom he had been exposed in past represented an external influence, a racial background, and were of FA-NCO-MUSSOLINI background. Zeldler felt that might be overloaded with men from Marquette and Fordham Universities. He emphasized he was concerned that many people of liberal Protestant persuasion and background were being evaluated by others not of that persuasion and background. Interviewing Agent set Zeldler straight about his illusions. Zeldler requested that his remarks be brought to attention of SAC. The following day, 12-6-57, SAC, Milwaukee interviewed Zeldler who repeated his critical statements. Commenting on Agents of Catholic faith, Zeldler felt FBI's reputation would be marred by overloading organization with investigators who were predominantly of one religious faith, and stated all faiths should be represented in FBI. SAC clearly set record straight and Zeldler expressed appreciation.

The above matter was brought to Bureau's attention in detail in Milwaukee airtel of 12-6-57. The Director wrote on this airtel: "This man is just a bigot. We should be most circumspect in all contacts with him. E." (62-104417-1)

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Frank Zeidler, Mayor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, called Milwaukee Office 1/11/60 to determine whether he "could invite" FBI into investigation of the murder of Isadore Style. Mayor Milwaukee night club operator who was killed 1/6/60 stated he was concerned about Zeidler in apparent gangland style. Mayor instability of local authorities about the Pogrom murder which he felt to cope with committed by the underworld. Mayor also stated he thought it was time for Federal Government to save municipalities which appeared to be helpless and in this connection he had called Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin. Mayor Zeidler was informed concerning our investigative jurisdiction and of the availability of cooperative services of the FBI. Milwaukee is maintaining liaison with Milwaukee Police Department and has alerted the Chicago and Springfield Offices.

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ISADORE POGROB, AKA (DECEASED); INFORMATION CONCERNING;

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REFERENCE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO MILWAUKEE, SEPTEMBER 6,
1980.

ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1980, [REDACTED] WAS RECONTACTED
CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF UNDERGOING AN HYPNOTIC INTERVIEW
REGARDING THE POGROB MURDER. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAS
DECIDED FOR PERSONAL REASONS NOT TO UNDERGO AN HYPNOTIC
INTERVIEW. WHEN PRESSED AS TO A SPECIFIC REASON, [REDACTED]
DECLINED TO ELABORATE ANY FURTHER.

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NO OTHER INVESTIGATION REMAINS IN THE ATLANTA DIVISION
AND THIS MATTER IS BEING PLACED IN AN RUC STATUS.

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Date of transcription 10/21/80

[redacted]
[redacted]
Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Milwaukee, explained to [redacted] that he was being interviewed concerning the on-going criminal investigation into the activities of FRANK BALISTRIERI and others. [redacted]

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[redacted]
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[redacted] He further stated, however, that he would not say anything that would put FRANK in jail.

Shortly after the interview began, [redacted] seemed somewhat apprehensive and asked the interviewing Agents if they were wearing body recorders. SAs [redacted] both stated that they were not and offered to be "patted down" if [redacted] desired to do so.

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[redacted] referring to JOHN BALISTRIERI. [redacted] expressed hope that the FBI, as well as the U.S. Government, would show compassion toward the involvement of JOHN BALISTRIERI during the course of their investigation into his father's activities. It was explained [redacted] by SA [redacted] that JOHN [redacted] and welcomed any suggestions by [redacted] in obtaining JOHN's cooperation in these matters.

[redacted] then began to expound upon his knowledge concerning organized crime in the Milwaukee area stating, "The outfit in Milwaukee is not that significant." [redacted]
[redacted]

Investigation on 10/15/80 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92A-1676-11
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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] (RLB/djs) Date dictated 10/21/80

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[REDACTED] He continued that FRANK BALISTRIERI "married into the job as boss of the outfit." He stated that prior to being married, BALISTRIERI was "straight" and could have made a good businessman, since BALISTRIERI was fairly well educated and had a good "head on his shoulders." [REDACTED] added that BALISTRIERI at that time owned some bars, restaurants, and other establishments and also had a band in the Milwaukee area.

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Once again [REDACTED] began to discuss the Milwaukee "outfit", expressing his opinion that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) should be handling this investigation rather than the FBI. [REDACTED] stated that he felt that the FBI really had no jurisdiction in the current investigation of the BALISTRIERIs. The interviewing Agents then explained to [REDACTED] the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations statute in which the FBI possesses federal jurisdiction in several matters pertaining to the BALISTRIERI investigation.

The interview then turned to a discussion of several individuals who were murdered in the Milwaukee area in recent years, including LOUIE FAZIO, AUGIE MANIACI, and AUGIE PALMISANO, and the attempted murder of VINCE MANIACI. [REDACTED] then commented that "they all did something to offend the outfit." He stated that they were themselves far less than "pillars of the community." [REDACTED] commented that these murders were "the law of the jungle" and that "you ought to be happy they took those guys off the streets for you." [REDACTED]

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then stated that "As an example, if a guy runs a book and skins off the top, he is committing suicide." SA [redacted] then mentioned the murder of ISADORE POGROR. [redacted] immediately advised that [redacted]

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At this point [redacted] again began to minimize the significance of the organized crime family in Milwaukee, stating that "nobody ever got muscled by the outfit." SA [redacted] then took exception, stating that an individual named ANTHONY BIERNAT, who was murdered in the Kenosha area in the early 1960's, was a jukebox distributor who simply got in the way and was killed. SA [redacted] stated that BIERNAT was murdered in a "bungled job." [redacted] then agreed and stated that this was the only one.

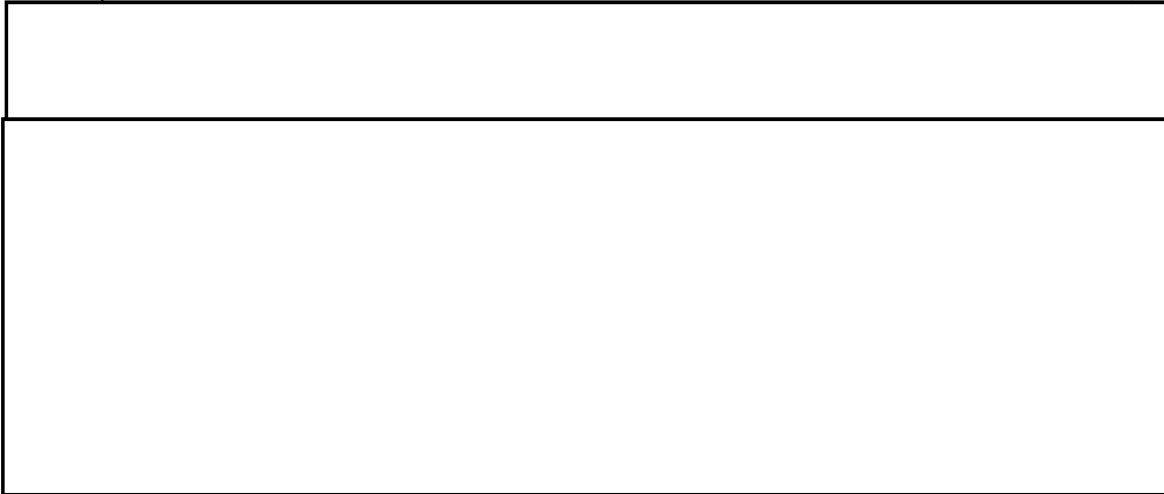
[redacted] stated that many people are attracted by the aura of power attributed to the outfit. [redacted] then stated, as an example, several years ago he was sitting in a bar next to an individual "who was about to be made into the outfit." When [redacted] asked the individual why he wanted to get involved with the outfit, the person responded, "Why, have you heard something?"

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[redacted] again mentioned JOHN BALISTRIERI [redacted]

[redacted] was asked by SA [redacted]

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After some further discussion between the interviewing Agents and [redacted] concerning organized crime in general, [redacted] stated that "the party's over." The interview was then terminated.

Memorandum



To : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92A-1676) (P)

Date 10/8/80

From : SA [REDACTED]

Subject : ISADORE POGROB, aka
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and Atlanta airtel to Milwaukee, 9/4/80, and Atlanta
teletype to Milwaukee, 9/15/80.

On 9/5/80, ADA [REDACTED] Milwaukee
County District Attorney's Office, 821 West State
Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised that his office
did not conduct a John Doe investigation into the murder
of ISADORE POGROB, which case has not been solved to
date. ADA [REDACTED] furnished copies of his office's
records relating to the POGROB murder, which primarily
consist of newspaper clippings.

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On 9/9/80, a review of the Mequon, Wisconsin
Police Department, case number CC159, concerning the
murder investigation of ISADORE POGROB, determined
the following information:

On Thursday, January 7, 1960, at 1:05 p.m.,
the body of ISADORE POGROB was found under the bridge
on Highway 167 between Swan Road and Farmdale Road in
a concrete culvert on the north side of the road.
POGROB's body was on its back and a white handkerchief

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had been tied over his eyes. Recovered at the scene were five empty shell cases (.45 caliber), three spent slugs, lead, blood samples, paint samples, and matter. This evidence was handled by the Wisconsin State Crime Lab, Madison, Wisconsin. Their lab case number is 6615.

POGROB's automobile, a Cadillac two-door hardtop Sedan, Wisconsin license L-78-595, was recovered by the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police Department. Seven .45 caliber slugs and four .38 caliber slugs were found inside POGROB's car and it was determined that the .45 caliber slugs were fired from a .45 automatic pistol and the .38 caliber slugs were fired from a .38 Special Colt Revolver.

POGROB had FBI number 326 156C.

On 9/12/80, a review of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police Department file D51740, regarding the kidnaping (homicide in Ozaukee County) of ISADORE POGROB, described him as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
DOB	10/17/22
FBI #	326 156C
Address	3873 North 76th Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Telephone	H02-2330

A review of the file determined the following:

On 1/6/60 at 6:30 p.m. POGROB's [redacted] [redacted] filed a missing persons' report with the Milwaukee Police Department. POGROB was last known to have had breakfast at the Belmont Hotel and Coffee Shop in Milwaukee with friends and a friend walked him to his car about 3:00 a.m. on January 6, 1960. MIPD reports indicate that some unknown person or persons kidnaped POGROB while driving his white 1959 Cadillac Coupe, Wisconsin license L78595 between 744 North Third Street and 3873 North 76th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, January 6, 1960, between 3:25 a.m. and 6:15 a.m.

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Subject's body was later found on Highway 167 in Mequon in a concrete culvert. POGROB had been shot nine times through the rear of his head with seven exit wounds and .38 caliber revolver pellets found in his head. The post-mortem was conducted by [redacted] [redacted] the State Crime Lab.

POGROB's blood stained automobile was found abandoned at the rear of 4303 North 91st Street in Milwaukee and this automobile was reportedly observed at this location on Wednesday, January 7, 1960, at 7:00 a.m. The vehicle was found [redacted]

[redacted] There were blood stains on the passenger side of the door of the automobile, the key was in the ignition, and two empty .45 caliber shells were found on the floor in the front of the automobile. It was also determined that approximately \$1500 to \$2500 was missing from POGROB's body when it was discovered.

A patrolman of the Sheriff's Department advised that during the morning of January 6, 1960, he saw a white 1959 Cadillac leading a late model 1956 to 1958 Cadillac and they were traveling south on North 91st Street. The 1959 Cadillac was driven by a white male, 35-45 years of age, who was bald.

The 1956 to 1958 Cadillac, which was two-toned brown in color contained two or possibly three individuals. The driver of this vehicle was wearing a hat and maybe glasses. This observation occurred between 5:45 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on January 6, 1960.

MIPD records, which are voluminous in this matter, contained the names of several suspects, one of which is FRANCIS CONRAD STELLOH, who appeared to be the primary suspect in this investigation. STELLOH, who had refused to take a lie detector test, concerning the POGROB murder, was represented by Attorney DOMINIC FRINZI. It is also noted that these records contained a report of an anonymous phone call made to the MIPD on Saturday, 1/9/60 at 6:15 p.m. The male caller stated, "Do you want killer? Melody Room, the bartenders, Frank Balistrieri is the boss." The caller then hung up.

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[REDACTED] captioned matter will
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The above is being furnished for the information of
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Date 12/4/80

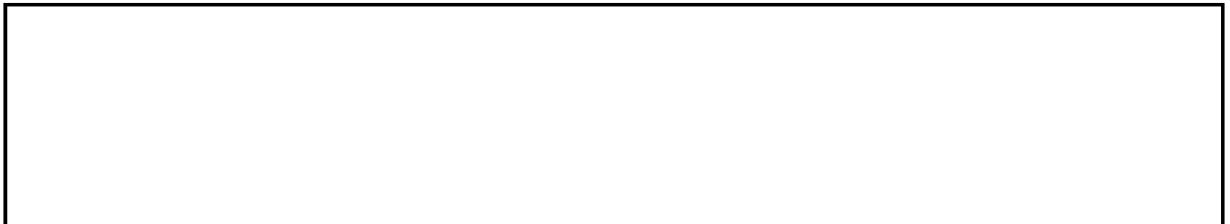
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Re Memo of writer, 10/8/80.



In view of the above and since no active investigation remains outstanding in captioned matter, it is recommended that this case be closed administratively. This matter will continue however, to be followed through the [redacted] investigation.

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[redacted]
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[redacted] in regard to a pending investigation involving Frank Balistrieri and others.

Toward the end of the interview, [redacted] advised that he was familiar with everything that went on in downtown Milwaukee in "the old days". At this point Special Agent [redacted] asked [redacted] if he knew who killed Izzy Pogrob. [redacted]

[redacted] adding that "you guys probably know more about it than I do". When asked to name the person responsible for the killing, [redacted] declined to furnish this information, and the interview was thereafter terminated.

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It is noted that Isadore "Izzy" Pogrob, the former owner of the Brass Rail Tavern, was killed gangland style during January, 1960, and that this killing remains unsolved.

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by SA [redacted] (JWF/cal) Date dictated 4/15/81

Memorandum



To : SAC, (MI 92A-1673)

Date 2/9/82

From : SA [redacted]
OCIS COORDINATOR

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Subject : ORGANIZED CRIME INFORMATION SYSTEM (OCIS)

During writer's attendance at the OCIS Analytics Training In-Service held 2/1-5/82, Bureau Supervisor [redacted] advised that the Murder Form was not being used by OCIS Offices, to enter murder victims of OC hits. [redacted] requested that victims of such hits should be entered into OCIS by each office having such activity. In order to implement such entries, the writer reviewed the files of the following individuals, who have been the victims of OC hits within the Milwaukee Division, since 1960, and they are listed as follows, along with the file number where background information can be obtained for inclusion in OCIS:

ISADORE POGROB (Killed 1/6-7/60), MI 92-1676

ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, (Killed 1/8-28/63), MI 70-1587

LOUIS MARTIN FAZIO, (Killed 9/26/72), MI 92-303

AUGUST S. MANIACI, (Killed 9/11/75), MI 183-80

AUGUST S. PALMISANO, (Killed 6/30/78), MI 183-149

It is therefore recommended that the above individuals be entered into OCIS, as victims of gangland slayings within the Milwaukee Division.

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